

State Training Committee

State Youth Court 10th Annual Conference

Dear Youth Court Leader,

The State Training Committee is excited to announce that it's that time of the year again! Time to start planning to attend **the 10th Annual State Youth Court Annual Conference**. The conference will again be in a 4-day format and will be held in St. George June 20-23, 2007.

Please read through the enclosed materials and distribute copies to your youth court adult and youth volunteers. Please also provide this information to the key supporters of your program in your community. There is a separate registration form for any dignitaries who will be attending the Banquet Friday night only. You will need to submit the registration form along with payment and make hotel arrangements for them if they will be spending the night.

Each year we receive a few comments that the conference did not teach the youth how to run a peer court. Because there are so many different models and each youth court is designed to work within its own unique community, it is not possible to do specific "How To" type training. This year we will have the honor of bringing Scott Peterson from OJJDP as a keynote speaker on Thursday, June 20, 2007. Other sessions will be provided that focus on issues our youth face today and provide ideas and resources that empower the youth to make positive changes within their communities. There will be sessions to build individual leadership skills inside and outside of the courtroom. These sessions will teach basic concepts such as communication skills, and creative disposition ideas.

If you know of any communities that are either starting or thinking of starting a new youth court, please share this information with them. Also forward a contact name, phone number, address, and e-mail address to Lori Silcox 8068 South Roosevelt Street, Midvale UT 84047; lsilcox@bigplanet.com.

We will begin planning next year's conference in August and welcome anyone who would like to be a part of the Training Committee which also plans the semi-annual advisor conferences and explores the training needs of Utah's youth courts. The Training Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. Sign up applications will be available at the conference registration table.

We look forward to seeing you all in St. George for a memorable conference.

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